

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

GUARDIAN AD LITEM CHILD ADVOCATE MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program, in its 25th year of child advocacy, has established a distinguished record of public service through its work to enhance the quality of life for children; and

WHEREAS, all 100 counties in North Carolina have a Guardian ad Litem program; and

WHEREAS, Guardian ad Litem volunteers come from a variety of professional, educational and ethnic backgrounds, acting as advocates for abused and neglected children in the complicated and often unfamiliar court and child welfare systems; and

WHEREAS, the court appoints Guardian ad Litem advocates to serve as officers of the court, helping to improve the quality of information presented to the court by acting as the court's eyes and ears in the child's life; and

WHEREAS, April 2008, has been proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month, an observance that reflects the purpose of Guardian ad Litem programs which is to protect and defend children from harm and ensure that abused and neglected children are provided with the court-ordered services they need; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized annually in the United States of America as a time to honor the contributions of volunteers through National Volunteer Month, and Guardian ad Litem child advocates donated more than 800,000 hours of service to the children of North Carolina in 2007;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2008, as "**GUARDIAN AD LITEM CHILD ADVOCATE MONTH**" in North Carolina and urge all North Carolinians to join in this observance.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.